

To the FCC:

I am a truck driver, one of several hundred thousand, that rely on the radio for weather and traffic reports to determine my route through major cities, Interstate highways, and local state roads. Weather is a major concern for truck drivers and picking the right highway is a matter of safety for us and the other drivers who are on the same roadways with us.

I use XM Radio as a safety device. I can use my presets, on the radio, to setup stations that offer weather and traffic reports. This means that I do not have to 'search' the radio dial for local stations that carry this information. 'Searching' for radio stations distracts from driving and sets up an unsafe situation. The driver is concentrating on finding a radio station rather than the traffic around him.

I have had XM Radio for about 2 months and it really has made my driving much safer. I can change the channels without really looking at the radio dial, and I spend a few seconds making a change in channel rather than several minutes looking for a local radio station.

Please do all you can to insure that XM Radio can offer a full range of public service channels and entertainment. There are a lot of 'big truck' drivers, like myself, who need to drive as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

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